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Witness: Soviet Instructed Kampiles

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) — A former Central Intelligence Agency employe charged with espionage was told by a Soviet agent in Greece to furnish information on missile sites and CIA agents abroad, a government witness testified yesterday.

He was also told to photograph documents and how to arrange future meetings with Soviet agents in Athens, according to the witness, Vivian Psachos, a researcher in the CIA's Soviet division.

Psachos was the second government witness in the trial of 23-year-old William Kampiles, a former CIA watch officer.

He is accused of selling to the Russians for $3,000 a manual with plans on the KH11, a sophisticated space satellite used to monitor troop movements and missile installations in the Soviet Union.

Kampiles, a native of Chicago, was arrested Aug. 17 in an apartment in nearby Munster and charged with six counts of espionage.

If convicted, he could receive a maximum sentence of 70 years in prison for each count.

Psachos testified that she interviewed Kampiles with another CIA agent and two FBI officials in a Washington, D.C. hotel, shortly before his arrest.

She said Kampiles told the government officers that he never mentioned the KH11 to the Russian agent he met at a party at the Soviet embassy in Athens last winter.

"Bill [Kampiles] realized he was a Soviet agent and he decided to play a game," Psachos, a 21-year veteran of the CIA, said the defendant had told her.

She testified that Kampiles met the Russian on three occasions while vacationing in Greece in February and March, and told him he could furnish secret CIA documents

Psechos said Kampiles told the government interviewers that he lied to the Russian, saying he had worked as an economic analyst for the CIA for two years, that he was 25 or 26 years old, and that he was born and raised in Boston.

She said that to prove that he was not a double agent or "plant," Kampiles gave the Russian, identified as Michael Zavalis, a forged identity card from the CIA.

But according to Psachos, Kampiles told the U.S. officials who interviewed him in Washington, that the ID card was all he gave the Russian.

The prosecution's first witness, a former friend of Kampiles, CIA agent George Joannides, testified Tuesday that Kampiles told him in the spring of 1977 that he wanted to work in the covert section of the CIA. Joannides said he told Kampiles he would need additional training and could not be considered for such a post until mid-1978.

Joannides testified that Kampiles said he did not want to wait that long and told him the following year he was trying to establish himself as a good candidate for an undercover CIA post by getting contacts with the Russians and providing them with "dis-information."

During the government interrogation of Kampiles in Washington, FBI agent Don Stukey told Kampiles he didn't believe his story, Psachos testified.

She said that Stukey told Kampiles that during his 10 years in dealing with the Soviets, they had never paid $3,000 "without getting some significant information."

But, according to Psachos, Kampiles did not change any part of his story when asked by Stukey if he wanted to do so.